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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
11 COMMISSION,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 PATH AMERICA, LLC, et al.,

15 Defendants, and

16 POTALA SHORELINE, LLC, et al.,

17 Relief Defendants.

CASE NO. C15-1350JLR

SIXTH ORDER REGARDING
FEE APPLICATIONS

18 Before the court are seven fee applications: **(1)** the sixth interim fee application of
19 Receiver Michael A. Grassmueck (“the Receiver”) for \$45,934.00 in fees and \$2,502.79
20 in costs, which seeks an order authorizing disbursement of 80% of the requested fees and
21 costs (Dkt. # 533); **(2)** the fifth interim fee application of Caron Architecture, LLC
22 (“Caron”), which is the contracted architect for the Potala Shoreline and Potala Village

1 Kirkland projects, for \$65,562.50 in fees and \$354.90 in costs, which seeks an order
2 authorizing disbursement of 80% of the requested fees and costs (Dkt. # 537); **(3)** the
3 sixth interim fee application of the Receiver's general counsel, Allen Matkins Leck
4 Gamble Mallory & Natsis, LLP ("Allen Matkins"), for \$396,192.60 in fees and \$2,498.53
5 in costs, which seeks an order authorizing disbursement of 80% of the requested fees and
6 costs (Dkt. # 534); **(4)** the sixth interim fee application of Financial Forensics, the
7 Receiver's forensic accountant, for \$11,313.00 in fees and \$4.05 in costs, which seeks an
8 order authorizing disbursement of 80% of the requested fees and costs (Dkt. # 538); **(5)**
9 the sixth quarterly application for compensation from the Receiver's immigration
10 counsel, Baker Donelson, for \$5,596.50 in fees and \$20.38 in costs, which seeks an order
11 authorizing disbursement of 80% of the total requested fees and costs (Dkt. # 539); **(6)**
12 the sixth quarterly fee application for the Receiver's local counsel, Karr Tuttle Campbell,
13 P.S. ("Karr Tuttle"), for \$15,135.50 in fees and \$1,167.75 in costs, which seeks an order
14 authorizing disbursement of 80% of the total requested fees and costs (Dkt. # 541); and
15 **(7)** the third interim fee application of Peterson Sullivan LLP, tax accountants for the
16 Receiver, for \$51,701.50 in fees and \$1,680.94 in costs, which seeks an order authorizing
17 disbursement of 80% of the requested fees and costs (Dkt. # 535).

18 Counsel for the Receiver filed all of the foregoing motions on May 15, 2017. (*See*
19 Dkt. ## 533-35, 537-39, 541.) The motions are noted for the court's consideration on
20 June 23, 2017. (*See* Notice (Dkt. # 536) (modifying the noting dates for Dkt. ## 533-35
21 from June 2, 2017, to June 23, 2017); *see also* Dkt. ## 537-39, 541.) Any opposition to
22 the motions was due no later than Monday, June 19, 2017. *See* Local Rules W.D. Wash.

LCR 7(d)(3) (“Any opposition papers shall be filed and served no later than the Monday before the noting date.”). No party has filed an opposition to any of the above-listed motions. (*See generally* Dkt.)

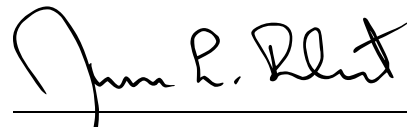
The court finds that (1) the fees and costs requested in each of the fee applications listed above are reasonable and necessary, (2) the notice of the fee applications was appropriate, (3) the fee applications are made in accordance with the Order Appointing Receiver (*see* Ord. Appoint. Rec. ¶¶ 55-59), and (4) the services provided were of substantial benefit to the Receivership Estate. Accordingly, the court GRANTS the fee applications listed above (Dkt. ## 533-35, 537-39, 541) and APPROVES on an interim basis the following application amounts:

Applicant:	Period:	Fees:	Costs:	Total:
Receiver Michael A. Grassmueck	January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017	\$45,934.00	\$2,502.79	\$48,436.79
Caron	January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017	\$65,562.50	\$354.90	\$65,917.40
Allen Matkins	January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017	\$396,192.60	\$2,498.53	\$398,691.13
Financial Forensics	January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017	\$11,313.00	\$4.05	\$11,317.05
Baker Donelson	January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017	\$5,596.50	\$20.38	\$5,616.88
Karr Tuttle	January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017	\$15,135.50	\$1,167.75	\$16,303.25
Peterson Sullivan	January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017	\$51,701.50	\$1,680.94	\$53,382.44

1 The court further AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse the following
2 percentages of the foregoing approved fees and costs at this time, as described below:

- 3 (1) The court AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse \$38,749.43 to the Receiver,
4 which is 80% of the approved fees and costs;
5 (2) The court AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse \$52,733.92 to Caron, which
6 is 80% of the approved fees and costs;
7 (3) The court AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse \$318,952.90 to Allen
8 Matkins, which is 80% of the approved fees and costs;
9 (4) The court AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse \$9,053.64 to Financial
10 Forensics, which is 80% of the approved fees and costs;
11 (5) The court AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse \$4,493.50 to Baker
12 Donelson, which is 80% of the approved fees and costs;
13 (6) The court AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse \$13,042.60 to Karr Tuttle,
14 which is 80% of the approved fees and costs; and
15 (7) The court AUTHORIZES the Receiver to disburse \$42,705.95 to Peterson
16 Sullivan, which is 80% of the approved fees and costs.

17 Dated this 21st day of June, 2017.
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21 JAMES L. ROBERT
22 United States District Judge